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REED. REPUBLICAN LEAD

For the past three Congresses the re-publicans of the House have been practically under the leadership of Thomas B. Reed, of Portland, Maine. During that time the position has not seen a particularly onerous one, as the publicans have been in the minority in the national House, and consequently were not responsible for the outcome of legislation. Under such circumstances, the object of the republicans was to harass and annoy their political opponents as much as possible. Natirally, Reed, to whom it is secon nature to stir up unpleasant matters in debate, drifted into the position officer

leader of his party. It was soon demnstrated that as a parliamentarian be was equal to many older members of the House, and he has been conceded a distinction in his party which he wears with modesty. He has twice seen the canous candidate for Speaker and should future political changes put his party in the majority he would e unquestionably made Speaker.

Reed is the last man who would be potted on sight by a stranger as the parliamentary leader of a great party. He is fat, and when not engaged in ion he has on his countenance an expression of mild contentment that makes him look like an overgrown, good-natured school boy. He as the rolling galt of a sea-faring man, a circumstance not unusual for a man raised on the New England oast and who was an assistant paynaster in the Navy when he first started out. After a short service in the Navy he studied law and was admitted to the Portland bar. His first ppearance in politics was made twenty years ago, when he was elected to the Maine Legislature. He served there two terms and was then elected State Senator. While a Senator he insted and elected Attorney-General of the State, an office he filled with great distinction. He was twice re-elected, and in 1874 he was sent to Congress, where he has since served In the campaign of 1886 he had a hard fight to secure a re-election owing to the defection of the laboring men in

his district. Reed in'a cautious leader. He keeps in the back ground while small affairs are in progress, and reserves himself for great occasions. He appreciates the necessity of keeping his own party in harmony, and if it is necessary to have some one sit down on an obstrepous republican he keeps his hands off. Consequently there has been a noticeable absence of "kickers" in the epublican ranks since Reed has been at the front. Another feature of Reed's cess is that he is not overweighter with a desire to go into the United States Senate, an ambition that apparantly affects nearly every membe who has obtained prominence in the House. He is satisfied that to be a leader in the commons is a far more I must make you over desirable distinction than to be buried the solemnity of the Senat

Germany's Crown Princess.

"The German Crown Princess," says Dr. Morell Mackenzie, " is a model nurse, having all her feelings under strict control, and suffering without making any sign. I do not think that I can be accused of flunkeyism, but it is the simple truth that she is the most remarkable woman I have ever met. Her knowledge of science is something quite extraordinary, and she is now thoroughly posted in the pathology and surgery of the larynx. I consider that wery few medical men —not specialists
—would be able to acquit themselves
satisfactorily if examined on these subjects by the Crown Princess. She discussed the opinions of all the physicians and the various suggestions for treatment, criticising each with the most perfect knowledge and judgment. Yet there is no speck of 'blue' about her. Her manner, when she cares to please, has an indescribable fascination about it which makes one understand the devoted feeling of personal loyalty that has sometimes been felt for Princes. I can only say that if all royal personages were like this exalted lady and her gallant husband republicanism would soon be an extinct tradition."—London on be an extinct tradition."-Lo

The Bones of Animals.

The four feet of an ordinary ox will make a pint of neatsfoot oil. Not a bone of any animal should be thrown away. Many cattle shin-bones are shipped to England for the making of knife-handles, where they bring \$40 a ton. The thigh bones are most valuable, being worth \$80 a ton for cutting into tooth-brush handles. The foreleg bones are worth \$30 a ton, and are made into collar-buttons parasol-handles, and jewelry, though sheep legs are the staple parasol handles. The water in which the bones are boiled is reduced to glue, and the dust which comes from sawing them is fed to cattle and poultry.—Chicago Times.

Getting up with the sen is a con-The four feet of an ordinary ox will

Getting up with the son is a compractice where there is a teethin baby in the family.—Exchange.

A VALENTINE

enny other woman a-visitin' here. Who kin she be?' he said to himself.

As the strange lady advanced at a queer hippity-hoppity gait, something in her presence grew familiar.

The old man got to his feet and leveled one hand over his eyes.

"Good mornin', ma'am," he said, hesitatipaly. "I was averaged.

hesitatingly. "I was expectin' to see my wife—Hannah. I kinder thought you might be her sister. I ain't seen her in a good many yeara, but she ain't

her in a good many years, but she ain't ez young ez you be."

A shrill, affected laugh that died in a falsette shriek greeted him.

"He don't know me! Juliette, come here, Dan'l don't know his own wife."

The old man looked at her atten-"Yaller hair on a woman of fifty!

Bed roses in her checks like a gal of sixteen? Where's the old woman that was my wife, Hannah, down Injianny? I don't want no ballet dancer in her

"I've tried to be fashun'ble," m

Hannah, sinking in a heap on the floor.

"I've spent hundreds of dollars on her," exclaimed her sister, as she looked on, "and this is your gratitude."

"Hannah!" exclaimed her husbe

severely, "I'm ashamed of you!"
"So be L" sobbed his wife, "but if

you live in the city you must do as city folks does."

"Dan'l's a crank," said Juliette to

her weeping sister upstairs as she tried to soothe her. "No, he ain't! an' I was a fool to

think I could be made over! Sakes alive! how glad I am to get inter my

own shoes again."

When Hannah entered the parlor

again she was clothed and in her right mind. Her husband beamed upon her.

"Gol!" he exclaimed, "I've got her

back! It's the old gal herself this time,

ABOUT VENTRILOQUISM.

Asked to explain some of the myste

ries of ventriloquism, a professional

affect the lungs at all, which so many people seem to think. He said, just what I told you, that it was a peculiar formation of the muscles of the throat.

Now look well at my face and tell me if you notice any thing additional to what most folks have. No? Look

again in the vicinity of my mouth."

Yes, there were two extra muscle

In vain I tried, but could not a

"Ah! there's the rub. Words with

those letters in them are the most diffi-

be produced. Are you ready?"

He then took from the table an ordi-

nary tumbler, saying: "See, there is no deception," and placed it on the

you hear me—speak a little louder?" And coming nearer and nearer to the

his mouth was close to the edge of the

glass, when somebody seemed to answe down in the cellar and in quite a differ

ent voice: "Oh. I'm pretty well; how

are you?"

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"In the cluset upstairs."

ince then I've learned that other fries Have locks of yours as fair; ou now may guess which of us seeds You back this lock of hair. Grounds Birden MADE OVER.

Hannah's Visit to Her Sister is the City.

"Hannah," said Farmer Hull, as he hustled into the farm-house kitchen, "be you expectin' a letter?"
"No," answered his wife, promptly.

"Who'se writ?" "I dunno, onless it's thet high-flyin' sister of yours, Julyett What's-her-name. Like enuff she is tired of livin' starched up in the city—'tain't enny place for real human folks, ennyway— an' so she's comin' here to make us a

"Do she say so?" "Law sakes, no. Et warn't put in the law and comman'ments when we was married thet you was to open my letters, nor me yourn. Take an' open

"Whar's your new alpacey thet you thought good enough for the Presy-dint's wife?" it yourself."
So Mrs. Hull opened the letter and egan to read it. "Get inter it, and wash the yaller outer yer gray ha'r, and the red offen your cheeks, an' kim home! O, Laud, kin you ever show yer face at confer-ence meetin' agin?"

"Jest as I remayrked," said the old man, "ain't it, Hannah?" "No," said Mrs. Hull, handing him the letter, "es I make it out it's just the other way. Juliette wants us to go an' visit her. She says she'll stan' the expense an' is jest sufferin' for some-body to make over. Now, what does

she mean?"
The old farmer read the letter with

much care and painstaking.
"Goll Me go a-visitin" whar they eat
breakfus in the middle of the day an' breakfus in the middle of the day an wear their Sunday close the hull week. I rayther guess not. But, mother, if you want ter go thet's anuther thing. You can heve the money the old mare fetched—you nigh about raised Bet ennyway. I'll gin ye thet."

"Thora's my new aluncer." said

"There's my new alpacey," said Mrs. Hull, thoughtfully. "I'm right glad I got a good piece. It's shiny as silk. But laws, it won't be much in the city! I've heerd that the short girls there wear real silk an' satin every

"Poor things," said her husband; "it must be dretful to hev to dress to death all the time. Where's the ink horn? I'm goin' to write to the chil-dren that their ma's going a-visitin."

After manifold preparations, which included a care for every living thing in the house and out of it, Mrs. Hull was ready to go and visit her stylish sister, the rich city widow. She cooked enough to last two months, had cleaned house and mended every thing mendable. Dan'l was to keep house with the hired man, and they both smacked their lips over the mince and pumpkin pies, the dough-nuts and loaf cake that were to make life worth living in the absence of Mrs.

Then the farmer put on his go-tomeeting coat and drove his wife over to the cars, and felt as if he were passing through the most exciting episode of his life.

Yes, there were two extra muscles distinctly visible at each corner of the mouth. They had become gradually formed simply through keeping the lips closed while speaking.

"Now I am coming to something interesting. Just try and say the letter 'm.' 'p' and 'b' without moving the lips." Mrs. Hull took it more calmly. With many parting injunctions to Dan'l to look after things, she said good-bye, and when the cars started leaned back on her best alpaca waist and felta deep secret joy in her worn heart because

she was going to see the world.

The first thing her sister said to her was: "Hannah Hull! you're a fright.

cult to pronounce, but by incessant practice I have found out a means of "Why, Juliette, I think you're real getting them quite naturally, and they ," said Hannah, with some spirit. "I paid fifty cents a yard for this alpacey, and my bunnit cost nearly five dollars." and the teeth. "Some ventriloquists substitute 'alur'
words in difficult sentences. 'I wish
mamma was here,' would sound 'I wish
nanna was here,' " and he illustrated

"Don't say bunnit, for goodness' sake. You have no style. You've lived down on that old farm till you

look one hundred." "I be over fifty, Juliette; but then I'm only two years older'n—."
"Hush! Never say any thing about your age. It isn't polite. Hannah, I must make you over. You won't be the same woman."

his words as he spoke.

"The ventriloquists, of bygone days all wore big mustaches in order to hide the movement of the lips, and I don't mind admitting that the first time I opened in the business I was somewhat nervous and wore a false mustache myself. I will show you a thoroughly effective sample of ventriloquism which any one can test for themselves.

"Bemember," he said, "this art is a natural effit, there is not the slightest. Mrs. Hull made such a long visit that

her husband became uneasy. The doughnuts and pies were giving cut, and besides he was lonesome. He natural gift; there is not the slightest trickery about it. We will suppose you are not naturally a ventriloquist. Very well, then. Here is a capital lit-tle method whereby a good effect can and besides he was lonesome. He wanted his Hannah home again. He didn't hanker after the city, but he made up his mind one day he would go and bring his wife home.

"The old gal will be glad to see me," he said to himself; "it's a most killed her I expect by this time, sittin' up so straight and eatin' all her vittles with fork, an' bein' away from me. I'll be boun' it'll give her a turn to see

It did. The sister had tried the glass of fashion and the mold of form, with wonderful effect on Hannah. She had also introduced Mrs. Hull into "sassie-

When Mr. Hull arrived he was show into a darkened parlor by a smirking

pertly.
"I don't play keerds," said the old

man, reprovingly, "you jest tell Hannah there's a gentleman here to see

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"Beg pardon, sir."
"You needn't. You hain't dene
nothin'. Jest go an' tell Mrs. Hull
there's a gentleman kim to see Iser."
The girl went, and the old man
chuckled to himself. He wore his store
clothes and had a baggy carpet-satchel
in his hand, His gray locks hung
about his rugged face and made it
picturesque. conjurors use—with a hole in the center to receive the glass, a secret sliding lid to hide the opening, and with a fringe of cloth to prevent the tumbler being seen, the apparatus is complete.—London Tid-Bitte.

picturesque.

The door opened and a strange lady entered with a pink-and-white complexion. She wore a voluminous blue silk dress and walked on shoes that were mounted on French heels. Her hair was a wicked yellow.

"Hannah didn't say any th'n' al

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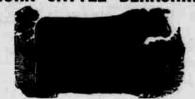
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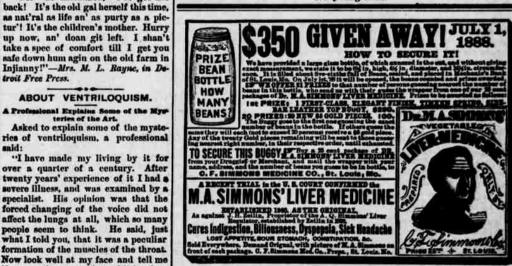
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